

## Press Note

### **Vedanta pledges to set up state of the art 'COVID field hospitals' with 200 beds infrastructure at Karnataka to combat COVID**

- Vedanta to set up COVID field hospitals equipped with critical care facilities at Chitradurga and Hubli in Dharwad District of Karnataka, Which will be extension to recognised & reputed healthcare facilities.
- Vedanta has a plan to set up 200 Bed infrastructure including 20 ICU beds and 180 oxygenated beds at Karnataka.

**Bengaluru, 05.05.2021:** As the country battles the second wave of COVID-19, Vedanta has pledged to set up 200 beds state-of-the-art 'Covid field hospitals' infrastructure in Karnataka to support the state administration and the local community in combating COVID. These hospitals with critical care facilities will be set up as extension to recognised and reputed healthcare facilities at Chitradurga and Hubli, in Dharwad district of the state, with 100 Beds infrastructure set up ,each at Chitradurga & Hubli.

Vedanta will set up air condition COVID field hospitals at Karnataka, which will be inclusive of 20 ICU Beds and 180 oxygenated beds, in order to extend support for creating COVID care facilities and fight against COVID crisis.

Critical care facilities in hospitals are incredibly important in the response to the COVID pandemic. The unprecedented medical crisis created by the second wave of the COVID-19, has resulted in an exponential surge in the demand for critical care covid beds and healthcare facilities. Vedanta's initiative to boost critical care infrastructure in the state of Karnataka will help in efficiently controlling the pandemic and treatment of the patients.

**Hon'ble Union Minister of Mines Shri Pralhad Joshi** in his tweet mentioned, *"I had requested Chairman of Vedanta Group Shri Anil Agarwal ji for arranging Makeshift Hospital at Hubballi keeping increasing Covid patients case in the district. He has agreed to provide 100 beds Makeshift Hospital with oxygen provision. I thank Vedanta Group for supporting us on this noble cause."* (<https://twitter.com/JoshiPralhad/status/1388768258061266944>)

**Mr. Sauvick Mazumdar, CEO, Iron & Steel, Vedanta Limited** said, *"We at Vedanta are committed to giving back to the community & extend our support to combat this nationwide health emergency posed due to COVID-19. I am hopeful that through our collective efforts we will succeed in tiding over this pandemic & will overcome this unprecedented situation. "*

**Mr. Krishna Reddy, Director, Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka** said, *"In line with Vedanta's philosophy of care, we have pledged to set up 100 bed 'Covid field hospital' each, at Hubli in*

*Dharwad District and at Chitradurga District in order to support respective district administrations to ensure the healthcare & safety of communities around. This infrastructure will be useful for the treatment of the patients and upgrade the COVID care facilities at both the districts, which is a genuine need during this COVID Crisis."*

To counter the first wave of COVID-19, Vedanta has provided relentless support to the people of Karnataka and frontline warriors such as providing Masks, Sanitizers, groceries supplies during lockdown, Camera with Drone to District administration etc.

Vedanta has planned several initiatives to support the nationwide fight against the COVID-19 second wave. Implementation of most of these initiatives has already started at various regions across the country.

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